

CHAPTER 75

NICKEL AND ARTICLES THEREOF

Note

1. In this chapter the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

(a) Bars and rods:

Rolled, extruded, drawn or forged products, not in coils, which have a uniform solid cross-section along their whole length in the shape of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), equilateral triangles or regular convex polygons (including 'flattened circles' and 'modified rectangles', of which two opposite sides are convex arcs, the other two sides being straight, of equal length and parallel). Products with a rectangular (including square), triangular or polygonal cross-section may have corners rounded along their whole length. The thickness of such products which have a rectangular (including 'modified rectangular') cross-section exceeds one-tenth of the width. The expression also covers cast or sintered products, of the same forms and dimensions, which have been subsequently worked after production (otherwise than by simple trimming or de-scaling), provided that they have not thereby assumed the character of articles or products of other headings.

(b) Profiles:

Rolled, extruded, drawn, forged or formed products, coiled or not, of a uniform cross-section along their whole length, which do not conform to any of the definitions of bars, rods, wire, plates, sheets, strip, foil, tubes or pipes. The expression also covers cast or sintered products, of the same forms, which have been subsequently worked after production (otherwise than by simple trimming or de-scaling), provided that they have not thereby assumed the character of articles or products of other headings.

(c) Wire:

Rolled, extruded or drawn products, in coils, which have a uniform solid cross-section along their whole length in the shape of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), equilateral triangles or regular convex polygons (including 'flattened circles' and 'modified rectangles', of which two opposite sides are convex arcs, the other two sides being straight, of equal length and parallel). Products with a rectangular (including square), triangular or polygonal cross-section may have corners rounded along their whole length. The thickness of such products which have a rectangular (including 'modified rectangular') cross-section exceeds one-tenth of the width.

(d) Plates, sheets, strip and foil:

Flat-surfaced products (other than the unwrought products of heading No 7502), coiled or not, of solid rectangular (other than square) cross-section with or without rounded corners (including 'modified rectangles' of which two opposite sides are convex arcs, the other two sides being straight, of equal length and parallel) of a uniform thickness, which are:

— of rectangular (including square) shape with a thickness not exceeding one-tenth of the width,

— of a shape other than rectangular or square, of any size, provided that they do not assume the character of articles or products of other headings.

Heading No 7506 applies *inter alia* to plates, sheets, strip and foil with patterns (for example, grooves, ribs, chequers, tears, buttons, lozenges) and to such products which have been perforated, corrugated, polished or coated, provided that they do not thereby assume the character of articles or products of other headings.

(e) Tubes and pipes:

Hollow products, coiled or not, which have a uniform cross-section with only one enclosed void along their whole length in the shape of circles, ovals, rectangles (including squares), equilateral triangles or regular convex polygons, and which have a uniform wall thickness. Products with a rectangular (including square), equilateral triangular, or regular convex polygonal cross-section, which may have corners rounded along their whole length, are also to be considered as tubes and pipes provided the inner and outer cross-sections are concentric and have the same form and orientation. Tubes and pipes of the foregoing cross-sections may be polished, coated, bent, threaded, drilled, waisted, expanded, cone-shaped or fitted with flanges, collars or rings.

Subheading notes

1. In this chapter the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

(a) Nickel, not alloyed:

Metal containing by weight at least 99 % of nickel plus cobalt, provided that:

- (i) the cobalt content by weight does not exceed 1,5 %, and
- (ii) the content by weight of any other element does not exceed the limit specified in the following table:

Other elements

Elements		Limiting content % by weight
Fe	Iron	0,5
O	Oxygen	0,4
Other elements, each		0,3

(b) Nickel alloys:

Metallic substances in which nickel predominates by weight over each of the other elements provided that:

- (i) the content by weight of cobalt exceeds 1,5 %,
- (ii) the content by weight of at least one of the other elements is greater than the limit specified in the foregoing table,
or
- (iii) the total content by weight of elements other than nickel plus cobalt exceeds 1 %.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter note 1 (c), for the purposes of subheading 7508 10 the term ‘wire’ applies only to products, whether or not in coils, of any cross-sectional shape, of which no cross-sectional dimension exceeds 6 mm.

CN code	Description	Rate of duty		Supplementary unit
		autonomous (%)	conventional (%)	
1	2	3	4	5
7501	Nickel mattes, nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy:			
7501 10 00	– Nickel mattes	Free	Free	—
7501 20 00	– Nickel oxide sinters and other intermediate products of nickel metallurgy	Free	Free	—
7502	Unwrought nickel:			
7502 10 00	– Nickel, not alloyed	Free	Free	—
7502 20 00	– Nickel alloys	Free	Free	—
7503 00	Nickel waste and scrap:			
7503 00 10	– Of nickel, not alloyed	Free	Free	—
7503 00 90	– Of nickel alloys	Free	Free	—

CN code	Description	Rate of duty		Supplementary unit
		autonomous (%)	conventional (%)	
1	2	3	4	5
7504 00 00	Nickel powders and flakes	2	Free	—
7505	Nickel bars, rods, profiles and wire:			
	– Bars, rods and profiles:			
7505 11 00	– – Of nickel, not alloyed	9	Free	—
7505 12 00	– – Of nickel alloys	9	2,9	—
	– Wire:			
7505 21 00	– – Of nickel, not alloyed	9	Free	—
7505 22 00	– – Of nickel alloys	9	2,9	—
7506	Nickel plates, sheets, strip and foil:			
7506 10 00	– Of nickel, not alloyed	10	Free	—
7506 20 00	– Of nickel alloys	10	3,3	—
7507	Nickel tubes, pipes and tube or pipe fittings (for example, couplings, elbows, sleeves):			
	– Tubes and pipes:			
7507 11 00	– – Of nickel, not alloyed	12	Free	—
7507 12 00	– – Of nickel alloys	12	Free	—
7507 20 00	– Tube or pipe fittings	13	2,5	—
7508	Other articles of nickel:			
7508 10 00	– Cloth, grill and netting, of nickel wire	16	Free	—
7508 90 00	– Other	16	Free	—